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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits documents A1-A19 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of documents A3-A19 are not provided since they were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in prior application serial number 09/571,999, which is being relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of A1 and A2, which are the parent patents to this application, are being supplied herewith.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Further, Applicant reserves the right to contest that any of these references is prior art against the present application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

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Respectfully submitted,

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